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Alfred Fereny, age 59. Hungarian national, Volksdeutsche, Papal prelate, Hungarian minister to the Vatican appointed by the 1944 government after the invasion of Hungary by the Germans in March 1944. Successor to Baron [redacted] who with other members of the Legation resigned when the Allied armies entered Rome.

Subject arrived under the Italian regime and still functions as the Hungarian minister to the Vatican. He maintains contact with the Italian government through the Vatican radio and since he had close contact with the German diplomatic circles in the Vatican it is probable that he also uses some radio communication facilities.

Subject is an expert on Catholic law and ecclesiastical matters. A man with an insatiable desire for power and advancement, he frequently airs pro-Nazi views. His latest ambition is to become the primate of Hungary, a position vacated since the death of the late Cardinal [redacted]. He lives in the Vatican and is afraid to leave the territory of his Papal State. As a ranking companion of Cardinal [redacted] he attracts some income but the official Vatican circles consider him somewhat non grata for his former Nazi contacts and political views. His removal would be accepted with satisfaction.

Subject is in contact with his predecessor, Baron [redacted]. The latter became the spiritual leader of pro-Italian Hungarians in Italy (Irse Hungarian Movement) and has established a favorable reputation with the Allied authorities in Rome.

Subject has an organized network of contacts in Rome and through them has been kept informed on current Hungarian affairs and activities of prominent Hungarians in Italy, both old residents and recent arrivals. It is safe to assume that subject's interests is not merely a personal curiosity but that he passes on the collected information as intelligence to some foreign power. He is in constant contact with:

Dr. [redacted] Victor, age 56. Hungarian national of German origin, Legation Counsellor, administrative manager of the Hungarian Legation to the Quirinal for the last 20 years. (The Legation is under Swedish protection and its offices are in Rome, Via dei Vigili 16) He is known as pro-German and a Nazi sympathizer. His three children speak fluent German and Italian but only broken Hungarian. When the racial laws were introduced in Italy he made good deal of money by issuing to Hungarian Jews in Italy documents certifying their Aryan origin. He attempted unsuccessfully to organize a section of the Free Hungarian Movement in Milano during his latest official visit to the Hungarian consulate there. Messages between [redacted] and [redacted] are exchanged through occasional messengers and a permanent courier [redacted].

Dr. [redacted] Viktor, age 53. Member of the Hungarian Academy (Rome, Via [redacted] 17). [redacted]'s chief interest in the Academy is focused on the literary activities of Dr. Julius [redacted], the Admini-

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strater of the institution. MCGYANI was recently appointed Manager by Count TELEKI, the Minister of Education in the Provisional Hungarian Government, and was put in charge, with the approval of the Swedish Legation, which acts as trustee of Hungarian interests in Italy. MCGYANI's interest extends also to other Hungarians billeted in the Academy. It is known that he is in the pay of LUTER.

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